

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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24 November 2024 – The Reign of Christ

Welcome!

*Whether you come often, haven't been for a while or you're new,
we are glad you are here today. We are all one in God.*

*Everyone here is seeking to know God better,
and we're glad you have joined us on this journey.*



Offerings of money for the work of this parish, money for the Dunedin Night Shelter, and goods for Presbyterian Support's Food Bank may be left in the offering bag, dish, or basket (as appropriate) on the trolley near the door, either before or after the service. Offerings may also be made electronically – ask to talk to our Treasurer.

*Please consult the Minister or worship leader
before taking photographs or other recordings during a service,
in accordance with the church media policy displayed in the Morrison Lounge.*

Welcome and Introduction

Call to Worship *Psalm 93 (New Revised Standard Version)*

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;

the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

the floods have lifted up their voice;

the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,

more majestic than the waves of the sea,

majestic on high is the Lord!

Your decrees are very sure;

holiness befits your house,

O Lord, for evermore.

Let us worship God.

Please stand as the Bible is carried in and for the first hymn.

Hymn words Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring, tune *Diademata* WOV 163

Crown him with many crowns,

the Lamb upon his throne;

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns

all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing

of him who died for thee,

and hail him as thy matchless King

through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of Life

who triumphed o'er the grave,

and rose victorious in the strife

for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing

who died and rose on high;

who died eternal life to bring

and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of Love:
 behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
 in beauty glorified:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
 for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
 throughout eternity.

Prayer of Approach and Confession

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;
the peace of Christ be with you all
A ki a koe anō hoki; and also with you.
we exchange a sign of peace with each other

Community Time – notices, anniversaries, celebrations, birthdays

Birthday greetings today.
May God bless you we pray.
Live for Jesus dear [name *or* friends].
May he guide you always.

Chat Time

Song words Fred Kaan, tune *Drunken Sailor*

We have a king who rides a donkey,
we have a king who rides a donkey,
we have a king who rides a donkey,
and his name is Jesus.

*Jesus the king is risen,
Jesus the king is risen,
Jesus the king is risen,
early in the morning.*

Trees are waving a royal welcome,
trees are waving a royal welcome,
trees are waving a royal welcome
for the king called Jesus.

We have a king who cares for people,
we have a king who cares for people,
we have a king who cares for people
and his name is Jesus.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer *we say together*

**We bring our gifts to you, Lord God, in gratitude and hope.
In dedicating them for your service
may we dedicate ourselves again
to work for the advancement of your kingdom,
in the strength and enabling power of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Bible Readings

Psalm 8: 1-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

John 19: 14-16, 19-23

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Hebrews 2: 6-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Visions and Realities*

Hymn words Shirley Murray, music Colin Gibson FFS 57

Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always somewhere sounding,
from the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exultation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
 song in chapel and cathedral,
 descant to our daily tone,
 song from sickbed or in prison:
 faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
 all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
 all who lift us to be strong,
 endless, endless are the voices
 of the faith that makes the song.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

....we say together

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth, as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.**

Hymn words Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919, alt.), tune *Benson* CH4 235

God is working his purpose out,
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out,
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase
the unity of humankind,
the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God,
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world;
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

Benediction *we say together*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, now and for evermore.
Amen.**

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea
after the service – through the door at the back of the church.*

Keeping in Touch

If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events, please give your email address to the Parish Clerk, Hamish Spencer, or email him at opohoclerk@gmail.com

Today's service was brought to you by

Leading the Service: John Roxborough and Gregor Macaulay

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Morning Tea: Susan Wall and Bronwen Strang

Church and Hall Cleaning: Shona and Philip Somerville

Opportunities for ministry week ending 1 December

Door Duty: Daniel Larsen and Mark Ranby

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Any changes or additions to events listed here or in the *Opoho Signal* will be posted as they are known on the website at <http://opohochurch.org/events-and-activities/>

Coming Events at Opoho Presbyterian Church

28 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
1 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion 11.15 a.m.: Advent Choir practice in church 2.30-4.30 p.m.: Children's Sports Afternoon
8 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Julie Mander and Opoho children; followed by Jam Palace in hall 11.15 a.m.: Advent Choir practice in church
12 December ~ Thursday	12.30 p.m.: Fellowship Group Christmas lunch, Morrison Lounge
15 December ~ Sunday	9.15 a.m.: Advent Choir practice in church 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Nine Lessons and Carols 2 p.m.: Sing Your Heart Out – community carol singing in church
21 December ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, 14 Blacks Road
22 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
24 December ~ Tuesday	11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 December ~ Wednesday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind – Christmas Day
29 December ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, preacher TBA*
5 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, preacher TBA*
12 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, preacher TBA*
19 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, preacher TBA*
20 January ~ Monday	Material due for February <i>Opoho Signal</i>
26 January ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind